

Mike McMahon Info

EZ Acres located in the Route 41 valley north of Homer has been the McMahon family farm since 1956. In 1973 upon completion of his education at Cornell Mike McMahon returned to the family's 60 cow dairy. Mike has owned and operated McMahon's E-Z Acres in partnership with his brother Peter since 1986. In January 2017 the business added two junior partners – Mike's son Neil and Ethan Supa (previously the farm's youngstock manager) and formed EZ Acres LLC. EZ Acres is now a 2240 acre, 800 cow operation producing about 20 million pounds of milk annually. Their milk currently goes to a regional processor - Byrne Dairy.

Mike has been a featured speaker for Cornell, Pro-Dairy, private industry and community groups on a number of topics relating to dairy management and industry issues, especially those dealing with environmental protection and immigrant labor. He is a 39 year member of the Homer Town Planning Board, and chairs the Skaneateles Lake Watershed Protection Review Committee and the Cortland County Farmland Protection Board. He has served for 15 years on and currently chairs the Cortland County Business Development Corporation and the county Industrial Development Agency – the first active farmer to hold such a position in Cortland County. He serves as a member of the Cornell PRO-DAIRY Advisory Board, the Cornell Animal Industry Advisory Council, Seven Valley New Visions School Advisory Board, and Cooperative Extension of Cortland County Board of Directors.

AWARDS AND HONORS

2007 - First farm in NYS to receive Animal Welfare Certification from the New York State Cattle Health Assurance Program (NYSCHAP)

2009 - Cornell PRO-DAIRY Agri-Service Award

2014 - Skaneateles Lake Watershed Protection Farm of the Year.

2015 - NYS Agricultural Environmental Management Farm of the Year awarded by NYS Department of Ag and Markets

2016 - Northeast Environmental Farm of the Year from the American Dairy Association

2017 - Farm Safety Farm of the Year from the NYS Agricultural Society

2018 - US Dairy Sustainability Award for Outstanding Dairy Farm Sustainability by the Innovation Center for US Dairy